

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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RALLY TWENTY BIG SUCCESS HEADQUARTERS LEADS THE WAY



Area Twenty Bishops, W. L. Porter, T. T. Scott, L. T. Walker and F. D. Macklin. In the rear is a representative for Bishop D. L. Lindsey; Elder Matheny.

VICTORY IN MEMPHIS

Well, it was said, "all good things must come to an end!" Surely, to the relief of Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. and the ASU Task Force, the rallies are finally over and "Thank God". August 1, 1986 signaled the end of the greatest financial ingathering our church has ever witnessed. Nearly 3 million dollars were collected and more is coming in, in support of All Saints University. Every ASU rally was its own unique and beautiful event to behold. The hard work of the area chairmen and their committees proved to characterize the level of support the saints have for the dream. Bishop Patterson has commented on the lovely hospitality each area has accorded the task force. After 19 rallies, which crossed the country in less than two months, one can appreciate their feelings about number 20. It all came to an end in Memphis, August 1, 1986, in beautiful spacious Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ.

The task force headed up by the presiding bishop himself came into Memphis eager to hear the final report. The night before they were in New Orleans, La., and collected \$314,000.00. In

Memphis the air was filled with anticipation. Several bishops from jurisdictions and many representatives came from around the country for the final rally. Everyone was poised for the great event and now you can relive the excitement because the Whole Truth was there!

The rally was called to order by Bishop H. J. Bell and the reading of Psalms 146. The nearly 2,500 saints sang the hymn "His Name Should be Praised" and the Lord was certainly good to his people, as the spiritual rain fell. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush addressed the congregation and informed the crowd that rally 20 had to be in Memphis. ASU would be built here and the rally was symbolic of things to come.

The host bishop for the final rally was Bishop T. T. Scott but the whole nation came to celebrate. Dr. Mattie Clark and daughter, Twinkie were on the job as usual. Of course they did nothing less than fantastic! The great mass choir which sang that night was composed of the Headquarters Jurisdictional Choir, Arkansas No. 1 Choir and the Central Tennessee Choir.

Each choir sang one selection and the rest of the evening worked in concert, providing euphonic music.

Some of the most exhilarating moments were spent watching the ASU cheerleading squads perform. Headquarters Jurisdiction had its State Sunshine Band march and the Purity Cheerleaders in full operation. Bishop Ward bused in a large group of lively youth to cheer on the effort. St. Louis' finest were out in number. Both groups were equipped with signs, pompoms and plenty jubilant cheers. These youth literally thrilled the saints.

Bro. Robert Rudolph, the winner of UNAC's oratorical competition presented his inspiring award winning statement about youth and the church. His being there augmented and underscored the need for ASU. This talented youth is ours and his statement demonstrated the necessity of nurturing our talented and sanctified youth from troubles of this world. We should at least prepare them to face the world.

Finally the man of the hour,

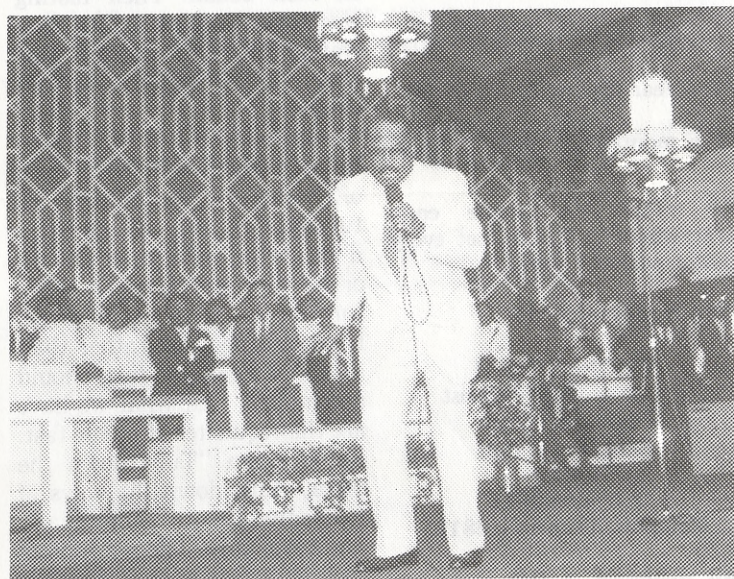
The final ASU rally was conducted at the headquarters of the Church of God in Christ. Area twenty led the way in what has turned out to be the most successful financial ingathering our church has ever witnessed. The area chairman for rally twenty was Bishop T. T. Scott. He lead the seven jurisdictions which composed area twenty to the top. The largest sum of money was reported there. Of course Bishop Scott had a great team player in the form of our presiding bishop. The efforts of Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. pushed area twenty over the top. The rally raised \$284,548.00 and Bishop Patterson was instrumental in securing a large contribution of \$100,000.00 from an anonymous benefactor. This made rally twenty total \$384,548.00 for ASU.

The second best total was reported in rally nineteen. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush directed the design and promotion of the rallies and was glad to get back in Louisiana. New Orleans, Louisiana was the site and Bishop W. K. Gordon was the area chairman. This area was composed of four jurisdictions but proved to be a mighty band of warriors. They demonstrated good things still come in small packages and presented ASU with \$314,100.00 for the cause. The third best amount was reported in area fourteen. Bishop L. H. Ford was chairman of a group of jurisdictions from Illinois, Indiana and a nearby jurisdiction from Michigan. The farm belt states proved there are more things green besides corn in the Midwest. This very for-

midable group raised \$249,756.00 for the education of our youth. In Detroit, area rally four was conducted. The motor city and next site of UNAC-5 was in high gear. The area was under the strong and capable leadership of two co-chairmen. Bishop C. L. Anderson and P. A. Brooks pulled together the industrial states of Michigan, Ohio and nearby Canada to rally for ASU. They made a noble effort and raised \$230,316.00 in support of the dream. The fifth leading rally was held in Florida. Florida is situated way down by itself and they seem to like it that way. The four jurisdictions which comprised the eighth rally group showed how sweet it is! Bishop Jacob Cohen was area chairman and provided the leadership to impress the nation. The sunshine gang raised \$167,356.00 for ASU and shouted the victory doing so. The five best rallies generated \$1,346,076.00 and more is coming in. The miracle will continue all of 1986 and more saints will contribute their units.

The Saints everywhere want to know what all 20 rallies accomplished. Everyone's contribution was significant and the Whole truth will share the whole story. In Memphis, plans are underway to make a lasting record of the individual contributions.

Many of you desire to be counted or to enlarge your contribution. This is yet possible while you attend the Holy Convocation. Take report to the Saints center office in the Headquarters building second floor. You can still be a Charter Founding Member.



Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., preaching his victory message during rally twenty.

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. was presented by our illustrious First Assistant Presiding Bishop L. H. Ford. Bishop Patterson preached a powerful message. He likewise allowed space for the other general board members to have expressions. Bishops

Haynes, Green, Cohen and Brooks spoke in behalf of ASU. After all was said and done the report was read. Bishop Patterson commented in his message that the saints are not poor. "We

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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE
OTHER SIDE
OF THE FAST

by
Connie Taylor

One of the most intriguing and unique qualities of the Bible is the fact that no matter how many times it is read, there will always be something fresh, new, and not-before-discovered for the reader. The number of witnesses to this fact are astronomical. However, there are times when the theological community may declare a verse or passage of the Holy Scripture as "set", and undefineable in any other context, and our minds come to accept the piece as having only one interpretation. Such a portion of scripture is the fifty-eight chapter of the book of Isaiah. This has become for many the chapter on fasting. But, as we take a glance at the historical context of that chapter, we find more than the exhortation to and benefits of the fast.

First, this message was a severe one: "Cry aloud and spare not." God was saying, "Alright, Isaiah, let 'em have it!" The Israelites had been committing every sin in the book, and still attempted to maintain religious practices. God's anger was increasing. They worshipped false gods, mistreated the stranger, placed heavy burdens on workers and servants, neglected the orphan and the widow. Yet, again, they continued to fast and pray and expected God to honor their petitions. They expected protection from their enemies, and in spite of past experiences and judgments, felt they could continue this raunchy lifestyle with no consequences.

Even in the midst of the actual religious practice of fasting, there was not an attitude of repentance and no move toward holiness which would make God acknowledge the fast, and move on their behalf. Their fasting was based on pure selfish motivation (58:4). In contrast, God declares the acceptable fast (58:5).

In verse six, we find the most often quoted verse of this scripture passage. Let's ask ourselves if this verse really stands alone, or if it is the companion scripture of verses five and seven. Let's consider that rather than a list of things a fast should accomplish, that what we have are the requisites of a true fast. Rather than "Turn down the plate," turn down the ways of wickedness both individually and nationally. The rejection of food on a fast is only symbolic of the turning away from anything which hinders entrance into the close presence of our Lord.

In verse five, we find God questioning the present fast system: self abasement, looking pitiful, sitting and laying on sackcloth and ashes. These things appeared to be done more for a public show of religiosity, rather

than truly seeking quality time with the Lord. However, in verses six and seven, God presents His idea of a fast: that the people should get rid of, turn away from, turn down the wickedness which has permeated the national lifestyle. This meant stopping pagan worship, leaders were to stop burdening and oppressing the people, and treating workers and servants fairly and according to the law. They had oppressed each other and the land, which had not enjoyed the seventh year sabbath rest for a long time. At the time of the sabbath rest and jubilee servants were not freed, and workers were not given the rest they were suppose to have. God further explains His fast. Give to the hungry. Bring those who are without under your care and provision. Clothe the naked. Above all, take care of your own flesh and blood. Parents were often left to fend for themselves rather than find security in being cared for by their children in their old age. Parents of young children would often sell them into bondage to pay debt, with no intention of redeeming them. God's fast required more than denying one's self the pleasure of eating; it required the denial of one's self, and looking to the needs of others.

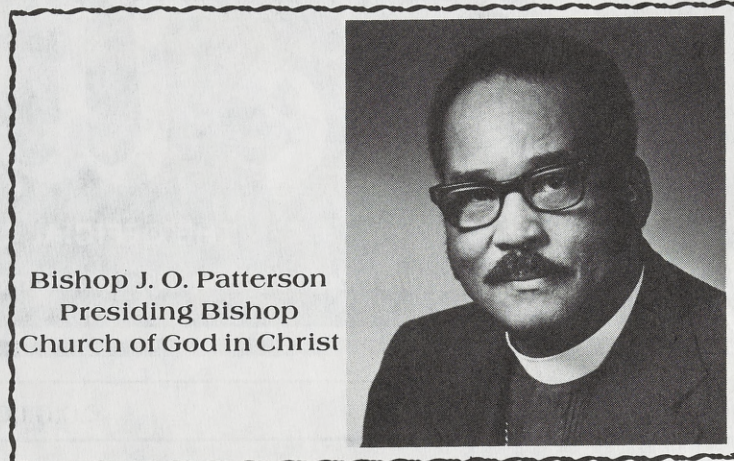
Verses eight through fourteen laude the rewards of the fast that God prefers before the natural religious fast the people had been involved in: health; righteousness; the glory of the Lord as protection; provision and total satisfaction by the Lord; and, being exalted to the position of repairer and restorer as opposed to destroyer and thief.

We who delight in fastings often, do we limit it to the natural, sitting in sackcloth and ashes, head hung low? Or, are we living the lifestyle fast which God has proclaimed is acceptable, and serves as the base for the natural fast? Are we burdening, oppressing, yoking turning away the truly needy, blessing the naked who remain naked, turning away from our own flesh and blood on the pretense of our religious commitment? Yet, on the otherhand, we, while doing these things delight in fasting and approaching God, and indeed expect Him to answer and move speedily. Let us sit down with the Word, and consider the other side of the fast.

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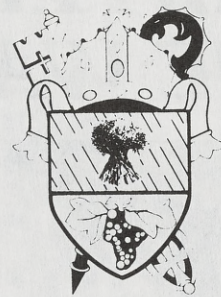
MAKE IT A REALITY



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
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Office of the Presiding Bishop

Dear Saints,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus.

Having just visited twenty states for the All Saints University Area Rallies, my heart rejoiced to learn that there are so many of the Lord's people who are interested in making a concrete investment in the future of the youth of the Church of God in Christ. Many of you expressed a sincere desire to support the work of the Lord as it relates to the opening and sustaining endowment of All Saints University, as well as the continued immediate support of the struggling and deserving young people of our church in their educational pursuits. My deepest appreciation is tendered to all of you for this beautiful display of support.

This year, as in the past seventeen years, the Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner will be held during the Annual Convocation in November. This dinner has become one of the attractive highlights of the Convocation and its proceeds are the major source of funds generated for the scholarships awarded by the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation. Because an overwhelming number of the Lord's people have committed themselves to caring and sharing with us on this occasion, the dinner will be held:

Saturday, November 8, 1986
4 o'clock P.M. at the
Memphis Convention Center (Concourse Hall)
Main and Poplar Streets
Memphis, Tennessee
(The attire for the dinner is formal or semi-formal.)

I encourage you to make your reservations early. In addition to the regular recognitions given each year, special recognition will be given to the lay person who sells the highest number of tables of ten. Due to the continuously escalating cost of food, the donation for each ticket will be \$125.00 (per person). You may secure your reservation now by sending a \$50.00 deposit (per person), or full payment of \$125.00 (per person) to:

Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner
Post Office Box 320
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

I am prayerfully looking forward to this event in the spirit of the Miracle of '86.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop

NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL HOLY CONVOCATION
WILL BE HELD

NOVEMBER 4 - 10TH, 1986

NATIONAL NEWS

BISHOP HAYNES RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE

Bishop J. Neaul Haynes was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree May 19, 1986, at Texas College during their regular Commencement Exercises. The presentation was made by Dr. Joyce Bowie, member of the faculty. The degree conferral was made by Dr. David H. Johnson, president of Texas College.

A Valedictorian of the Class of 1949, Fred Moore High School, Denton, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas and has also done further study at the University of Denver and the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas.

Believing that religion has a profound influence on all we say and do, setting a moral tone for living, Bishop Haynes readily accepted his ministerial call in April, 1949. He was licensed as a minister in 1950, and was ordained as Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1953. Bishop Haynes' pastoral ministry has been colorful and productive. Among his works are: Open Door COGIC, Pampa, Texas (1952-62); St. Emanuel COGIC, Denison, Texas (1960-69); Wheatley COGIC, Dallas, Texas (1969-79); Haynes Chapel COGIC (1977-79); and Saintsville Sanctuary COGIC, Dallas, Texas (1979).

As a skilled and effective minister, Bishop Haynes has served in Texas Northeast Jurisdiction for several years. He served in such positions as, Assistant State Secretary, Trustee Board Member, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop. Continuing to involve in some of the most prestigious positions in the Church of God in Christ, he served as Assistant Secretary of Registration Church of God in Christ International.

Bishop Haynes is a member of

the Presidium (General Board) of the Church of God in Christ International, Assistant Secretary to the General Board and a member of the Program Committee.

Bishop Haynes is a recognized leader in the city of Dallas and his leadership reaches across the boundaries of racial, social and denominational lines. He is affiliated with a host of civic and service organizations. Included among them are: Vice-President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and former President of the Prairie View Minister's Conference. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Charismatic Bible Ministries at Oral Roberts University, Trustee for Forest Avenue Hospital, Board of Directors Museum of African Life and Culture, lifetime memberships on the Board of Directors for Black Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He now holds and/or has held memberships such as the Advisory Council Goals for Dallas, Board of Directors of Moorland Branch YWCA and Greater Dallas Community Churches.

Bishop Haynes received the honorary degree in recognition of his service to mankind. He has received numerous honors and awards. In 1977 the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance awarded him the Minister of the Year Award and in 1985 he was granted honors by the Religious Workers Guild.

The honoree is married to the former Vivian King and they have two lovely married daughters, Pia Susaye Haynes Williams and Vrai Dawn Haynes Morris.

NATIONAL DRAMA APPOINTMENT



MRS. B. M. RIVETTE

Mrs. Brenda M. Rivette has been appointed the National Director of Drama by Mrs. Sara Jordan Powell, National President of Fine Arts. Brenda comes to this position well-qualified. She has served as a Judge for the National Fine Arts Department under Sis. Powell for the past eleven years (11).

Locally, Brenda is a faithful member of the Barker Temple Church of God in Christ Jurisdiction of Western Missouri in Kansas City where Bishop E. Harris Moore is her Pastor and State Bishop. She is a Sunday School teacher, soloist for the

Mission Department, director of the Chancel Choir, and she is a member of the State Y.W.C.C., and the President of the State Fine Arts Department, the first organized in the Church of God in Christ by Bishop Moore, soon after the National Organization was initiated.

She has been singing and has been the State Soloist for the best of her life in Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Rivette has achieved many accomplishments, some of which are: She has successfully written, produced, and directed (5) original Musical Drama's and has presented them to sell-out audiences in a dinner-play setting for the last five years; her State Fine Arts Department has given over (25) grants and scholarships to worthy young persons within and out of the Jurisdiction of Western Missouri and has sent two candidates to the National Convention to vie for national scholarships as well. Mrs. Rivette and Bishop Moore received proclamations from the Mayor of Kansas City, Mayor Richard Berkley, during their Fine Arts Conference in June of 1986, for outstanding religious Drama performances, and for helping to cultivate, and motivate young persons in the community for religious presentations. She is the first Black radio announcer for the religious station KCNW, she is a writer of a handbook, A Guide for Effective Speaking and initiated and taught the first accredited Public Speaking and Church Decorum Class for her jurisdiction in 1981.

Mrs. Rivette's professional accomplishments include: her teaching occupation of 14 years in Speech, Drama and English for the Kansas City, Missouri Public School System; and a part-time instructor of Speech and English at the Penn Valley Community College. She is a Phi Delta Kappa and a member of the State Speech and Theatre Association (STAM) of Missouri.

She holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies and Theatre, and a Masters of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis on Public Speaking.

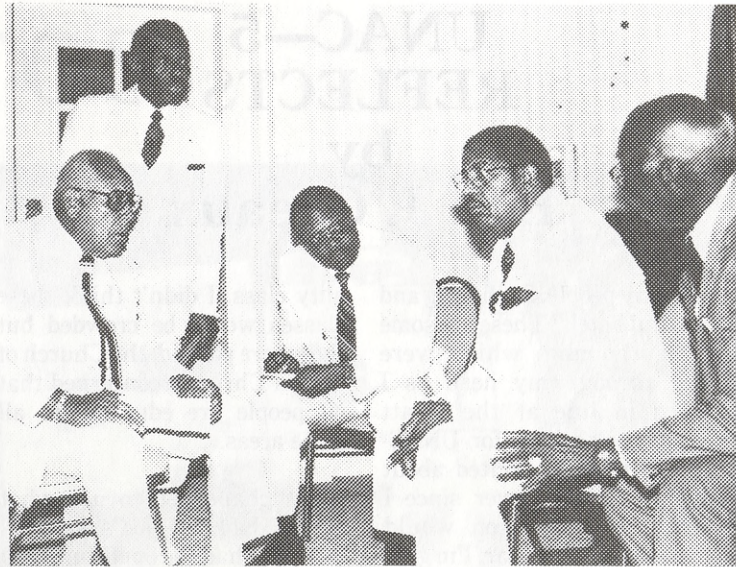
While Mrs. Rivette has attained many accomplishments, she orates the fact that she is a saved, baptized believer in Christ and maintains the Holy Ghost as her Keeping Power.

Brenda is married to John L. Rivette, a Principal in the Kansas City School System, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Julian and Milan Rivette.

Brenda is soliciting all young persons who would like to be a part of the A.S.U. Drama Troupe to contact her at (816) 356-4235, 8501 E. 56th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64129, for more information about auditions.

One of her duties will be to present (with the troupe) appropriate drama presentations throughout the National Convocation in Memphis and to train

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During the Chicago Area Rally Bishop L. H. Ford served as Area Chairman. Photo of Planning Session.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

World Headquarters
Memphis, Tennessee USA

April 11, 1986, A.D.

Elder William D. Haynes
3256 63rd Street
Lubbock, Texas 79414

Dear Elder Haynes:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is our hope that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you.

We take this opportunity to remind you of the letter sent to you, dated, November 11, 1985 - admonishing you to cease all of your activities within the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of New Mexico. Bishop William E. Griffin is the only National Representative of the Church of God in Christ in the entire state of New Mexico. Evidently, you have continued to interfere in the internal affairs of New Mexico even though you were previously directed to CEASE and DESIST your activities within that state.

May we remind you that you are NOT A BISHOP in the Church nor are you authorized by the Church to usurp the title "bishop" or any of the insignia appertaining thereto.

The Board does not enjoy confrontation with brethren but because you have continued to ignore the mandates we must take the position that any further infringement upon the directives given you by the General Board, which is the legal constituted authority of the Church, will incur serious disciplinary action.

As of this date, you are hereby directed to comply with the aforementioned directives.

".....he that is not of God heareth not us." (I John 4:6)

DONE BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE CHURCH THIS DATE AT THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS - MEMPHIS.

WE AFFIX OUR HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE CHURCH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD:

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop

Jacob Cohen

Jacob Cohen
Secretary of the General Board

G. R. Ross

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UNAC—5 REFLECTS by Eric J. Greaux

"So many people. Such a big and beautiful hotel." These are some of the thoughts which were going through my head as I waited in line at the Hyatt Regency to register for UNAC-5. I had been so excited about going to Houston ever since I heard the convention would convene there this year. I'm glad this city was selected because I enjoy warm weather and wanted to see the Space Center and other attractions.

Now, let me assure you that it wasn't just another one of those boring conventions. No, this was totally different from anything I've ever experienced. Let me explain.

You wouldn't believe how many people I met. I had always heard that this was "The Family Convention" but I never expected to meet so many young people my age, their brothers and sisters, and their parents. And you know what, they weren't all from North America. I met people from Germany, London, Haiti, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and many other places. But you know, we all had the common heritage of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

After prayer in the mornings, I took advantage of the various classes which were offered.

There were seminars on Biblical Studies, Evangelism, Sunday School organization and teaching, Missions, and much more. I enjoyed the wise counsel given at the Christian Courtship and Marriage class and the information given in the Human Sexu-

ality class. I didn't think these classes would be crowded but they were packed; the Church of God in Christ is concerned that its people are educated in all these areas.

I was challenged to use what gifts I had in God's service. Everyone had the opportunity to make use of their talents, whether they were in speech, music, writing or teaching. I sat in awe as I observed the rounds of Oratorical Competition in which \$8,000 in scholarships was awarded. I was also captivated by the beauty displayed during the Miss UNAC Contest. I can hardly wait til next year when they organize the Bible Bowl, a Bible trivia competition.

Now, don't get me wrong. I don't want you to think that all I did was go to church and classes. I took advantage of the warm weather, the July 4th festivities, and the many tourist attractions. I enjoyed exercising in the weight room, shopping in the local stores, and most of all, eating and sleeping, a favorite past-time of the saints.

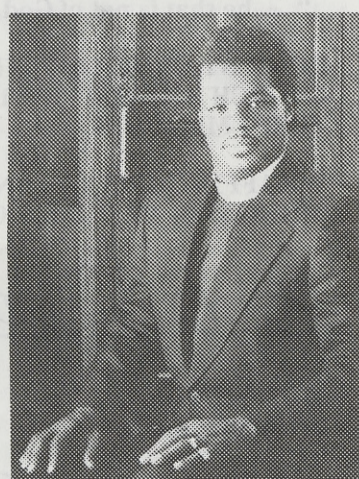
Above all, UNAC-5 was a time of magnificent fellowship and spiritual growth. I was blessed in each service and many souls were saved, reclaimed, and baptized in the Holy Ghost. I made UNAC my personal revival and treasure the many hours of learning at the feet of such great men and women of faith.

I really had a great time and I'm looking forward to it next year in Detroit, Michigan. See you there.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONVOCATION

The editor of the Whole Truth newspaper, Elder David Hall was the guest lecturer at the Northwest Texas Holy Convocation. The convocation seminar entitled, "The Power of Pentecost In Church Growth" was presented twice daily at 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bishop William H. Watson and the jurisdictional staff planned an informative convocation that was frequented regularly by the power of the Holy Ghost. The saints of Northwest Texas filled the church daily. Elder Hall commented, "Northwest Texas has a progressive attitude which directly counteracts the stories that West Texas has little more to offer than jackrabbits, tumble weed and hot blowing sand. I must say before coming this way, my whole experience was in Dallas and Houston or some other metropolitan area. However, having been here I must say West Texas is part of God's country." The editor was likewise glad to renew friendships with Elder Lemuel Thuston and Supt. W. C. Kenan.

The convocation itself was wond-



BISHOP W. H. WATSON

erful. Bishop and his staff have a progressive plan for building a new state temple. The land and all necessary building permits have been secured. In Bishop Watson's official message, the youthful and dynamic personality spoke in both spiritual and executive language. He outlined his ideas about leadership and examined the type he felt necessary to build a bigger and better state. He challenged the fine saints of the jurisdiction to

understand and develop the essentials for godly business. The message made it clear that organizational success depends upon a common goal and unified efforts to accomplish the goal. After hearing the message, one had a better understanding of what faithful stewardship means to a growing church organization. Bishop Watson has a team of capable administrative assistants and auxiliary staff supporting the effort to build that state temple in Lubbock, Texas.

A note of thanks must be given the fine women of Northwest, Texas. Mother Victorine Mackey, the State Supervisor of Women was very helpful in extending a Texas welcome to Elder Hall. It is customary for him to bring items of interest from the bookstore and conduct a Whole Truth subscription drive. Mother Mackey was gracious enough to find volunteers daily to help in the operation of the booth. These devoted workers need recognition for their service. The volunteers were Sis. Willie Atkins, Sis. Willi Mae Hervey, Sis. M. Phenix, Missy. Marlene Lauderdale, Missy. Mattie Johnson, Sis. Karen Mackey, Sis. Kawaene Deary and Missy. Dotsie Mergerson.

"A SALUTE TO MARY"



MRS. M. N. HINES

It is with great pride and joy that we the Garden of Gethsemane and LaMarque Chapel Church family, share our moments of jubilant reflection.

On Sunday, March 16, 1986, the Garden of Gethsemane and LaMarque Chapel Church membership, under the leadership of Elder Charles L. Stevenson, our pastor, rendered a splendid "Second Annual 'A. J. Hines' Founder's Day Celebration."

The service depicted the grandeur of Christian ceremony and harmonious love. The talents of the Houston and West Texas City, Texas churches merged into unified fellowship.

We esteemed the memory of the late Dr. Allen Joseph Hines (Founding Pastor) and gave special salute to Mary Nell Hines, "A Woman of Distinguished Achievement In Servanthood".

The order of worship during that service vividly displayed the undisputed truth that, the Church of God in Christ is the apex of Christian experience.

The celebration was attended by

CENTRAL TENNESSEE

FIFTH ANNUAL STATE CONVO

AUGUST 5-8 1986

Theme: EFFICIENT EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
1 SAMUEL 9:5-7, 12, 17



The Bishop W. L. Porter, Preaching

Central Tennessee Jurisdiction conducted its 5th Annual State Holy Convocation August 4-8, 1986 in Jackson, Tennessee. The place was the beautiful Greater Victory Church of God in Christ, where the pastor is Elder Brandon Porter. The saints from the small towns and rural areas filled the church nightly to praise God and fellowship with one another. The theme of the convocation was, "Efficient Effective Christian Leadership." During the week of seminars and services, the delegates in attendance realized the truth of that theme. For those who could not be there, the Whole Truth was and this is the story.

The convocation had many special guests to come and share. The renown recording artist, Elder Rance Allen of Toledo, Ohio did his ministry. Sister Jessie Mae Renfro Sapp, a singer supreme from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma sang the glory down. Bishop W. H. Watson of Lubbock, Texas and Bishop Dewitt Burton of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania preached. The Elder Clyde Young of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania conducted the daily seminar. These talented people shared a wealth of information and inspiration during the meeting.

The official night service was wonderful to behold. The Elder Charles Rodgers called the service to order. The Central Tennessee State Choir did what it does best: sing. There is literally no song that choir can not handle. As good as the choir was the night belonged to Bishop W. L. Porter. He was dressed in the bishop's official attire and was equaled by the presence and

grace of his lovely wife, Mrs. Ida Porter.

Bishop addressed the convocation but did not preach. His remarks were the stuff of dreams and progress. He spoke of the need to develop new churches where none exist or conditions warrant new buildings. He cited in the building being constructed in Martin, Tennessee and earlier in the day demonstrated that commitment by depositing several thousands in the bank to keep the effort alive. He addressed the issue of compensating the widows of pastors and described his dream of a solid annuity to support the family in both life and death. He touched on jurisdictional retirement for pastors and his plans to develop such a system from the tithing program. Lastly, his hope for more church extension was cited. He brought to the convocation the idea of a \$200,000 trust fund; from which the interest would be used to promote church extension. His statements were received by the saints with joy. He made reference to the need to select another jurisdictional supervisor of women. The following day he announced that Missionary Betty Sue Vaughn of Humboldt, Tenn. was the choice. Naturally, Mother Zelma Spight is greatly missed. Lastly, he introduced the speaker of the hour and Bishop Dewitt Burton came forth with a great message. He preached from Luke 18:10 about two men and his subject, "Pseudo Religion." All and all Central Tennessee had a great convocation. May God continue to bless that jurisdiction.

many friends and love ones who joined us in our efforts. Special guests traveled from various parts of the country, to share with us. We especially praise the Lord for the honored presence of the Very Reverend Bishop F. D. Washington, 2nd Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., and the very elegant Mrs. F. D. Washington of Brooklyn, New York.

Bishop Washington was a tremendous blessing, in that he shared spiritual uplift and gifted counseling through the preached word.

The highlight of our appreciation service was the sharing of

love and financial gifts with the co-founder of the Garden of Gethsemane and LaMarque Chapel Church ministries, Mother Mary Nell Hines. We saluted our "Mary", as she is affectionately called, for her unrelenting dedication to ministry.

Along with Special salutes, Dr. J. Royster Powell, President of the Union Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston, Texas, conferred upon Mother Mary Nell Hines the Doctorate of Divinity Degree, with all the honors and privileges appertaining thereto.

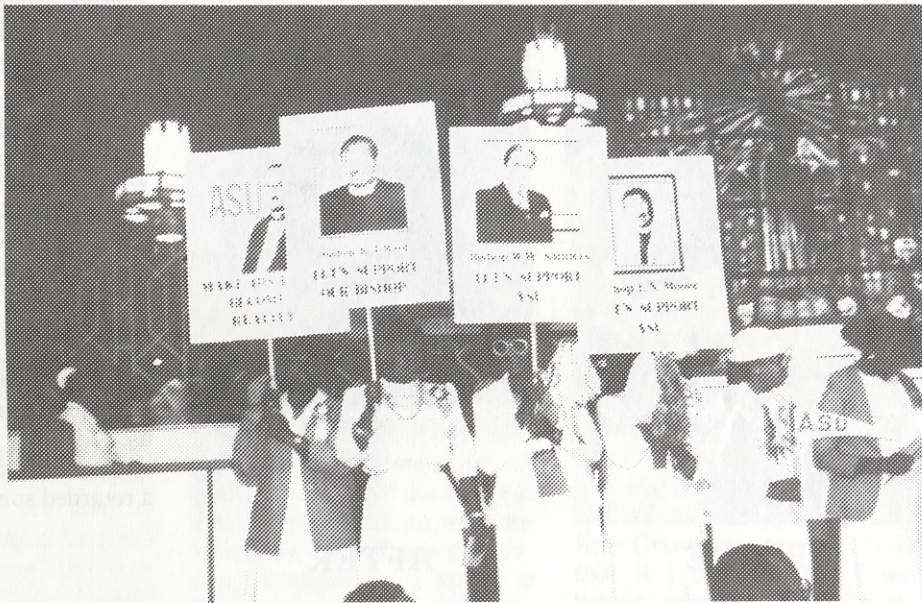
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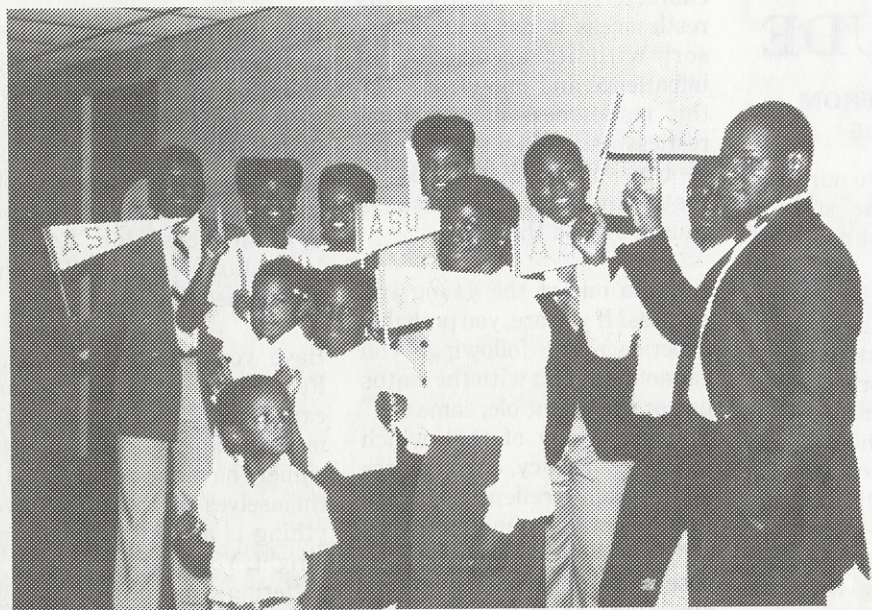
ASU PHOTOS



Headquarters Jurisdiction Cheerleaders shouted up a storm of ASU support!



The saints from St. Louis came ready to rally for ASU.



Memphis area youth say each unit brings us closer to ASU.



The youth were not the only ones enjoying the Memphis Rally. ASU, ASU!



Bishops' Brooks, Haynes, Cohen, Green and Moore. "Believe in the miracle of 86".



Bishops' Patterson and Ford watchfully collect the general offering.

WHY WE NEED ASU

"I don't know why I decided to attend this college. There's so much ungodliness around; the guys are constantly swearing, the hallways are always filled with smoke, and now I just found out that my roommate does drugs.

"The classes aren't much better either. My professors are humanists and say that it's okay to have sex before marriage and they teach that evolution stuff. But I don't believe any of that — I'm saved.

"I want out! I wish there was an alternative."

Yes, there must be an alterna-

tive for the thousands of students in the world who are experiencing like circumstances and to keep our future students from having to go through that in the first place, the Church of God in Christ MUST offer it.

We need all Saints University not only to combat the above scenes, but for a number of other reasons.

Bishop Patterson has expressed that the main need for ASU is "to preserve the dying species of the Church of God in Christ." It is only by training our youth that we can assure the continuance of the teachings and traditions of our great church.

Throughout the recent nationwide rallies, Bishop Patterson has used the illustration that if we allowed our soldiers to be

trained over in Russia, Cuba, Lybia, or Japan how could we expect for them to remain loyal to our country in the midst of warfare. This is also true of education. If we allow our youth to be taught and indoctrinated by the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians and the Catholics we should not expect for them to remain loyal to the doctrine of the Church of God in Christ.

We need a school of our own where classes will be opened in prayer, where there is no hint of drugs or illicit behavior, and where teachers and students alike are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

When All Saints University has been built, students will have a viable alternative to the secular

institutions. We too need to turn out our own professionals in order that they might minister to the needs of mankind.

But how do we go about this?

First, you can help make ASU a reality through your prayers. Pray that the Lord will lead and guide the members of the Board as they finalize plans for the completion and opening of our University.

Second, you can help make ASU a reality through your financial support. Commit yourself to make a monthly donation.

Finally, you can help make ASU a reality through the offering of your gifts and talents.

Do you see the need? If so, help

make the vision of All Saints University a reality.

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HOW I BELIEVED AND RECEIVED A MIRACLE



BEFORE

by
Pearl Burton

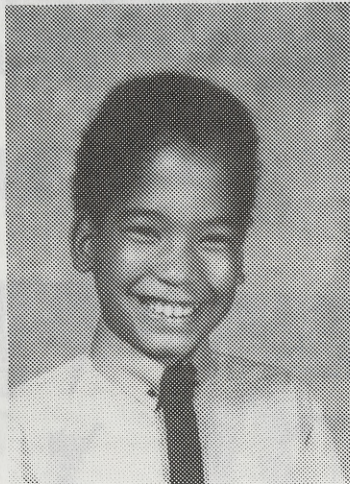
"Your son is severely brain damaged. The X Rays show that his brain is only the size of a walnut. I'm afraid he'll be a vegetable for the rest of his life."

The doctor's words were devastating to me and my husband that summer in 1977. Our son, Terry, was only three months old when his head began to enlarge. At first doctors suspected a brain tumor, but X Rays turned up nothing. Surgery was performed to relieve the pressure on his brain. A CAT scan was taken and that's when the doctor called my husband and me in for the heart-breaking diagnosis: Terry had hydrocephalus, and the buildup of fluid in his head had severely damaged his brain cells.

For weeks after talking to the doctor, I wondered why God had given me a son and made him to be like this. Then one day it crossed my mind that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). I realized right away that Terry's condition was not good and surely not perfect, so it had to come from the devil.

Then I also realized that what I needed was a miracle because medical science could give me no hope for my son. I was also having a battle with my husband because he was blaming me for the problem and I was blaming him. Neither one of us knew where to turn.

One day as I listened to the radio, I heard an announcement about a convention that was being held at Lakewood Church in Houston. I decided to attend. As I attended several times, Pastor Osteen preached a sermon about searching the Bible until you find the place where God talks about your situation. He talked about how everything you need is in God's Word and once you find your scripture you can stand on it and receive your miracle. I went home and decided to search through the Bible until I found my scripture. I started looking in the New Testament first because it's shorter than the Old Testament. After three days I found my scripture. It was John 9:1-3. The disciples saw a man who was born blind, and they asked Jesus who had sinned, the man or his



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parents, that he was born blind. Jesus said that neither the man nor his parents had sinned but that it happened so he could be healed and God would be glorified.

When I read this I got so excited I read it again. Then I went to my husband and asked him to forgive me because I had been blaming him for Terry's condition.

Now, I was lined up for a miracle, but I didn't know how to pray since I had never prayed for anything like this before. I told Jesus that I didn't know what to pray for now that I had my scripture, and I asked Him to help me. In my spirit I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Pray that Terry will have the mind of Christ."

I thought, yes, that's a good prayer, because if he is like Christ, Terry will have a good mind.

By this time, Terry looked retarded and people had started talking about him, so I didn't take him very many places. Every day I read John 9:1-3, morning and night, and I laid my hands on him and confessed that he had the mind of Christ. All day as I worked, I confessed that he would receive a miracle of healing.

Then the Lord led me to get a baby book that outlined the development of a normal baby. The book told when a baby normally starts crawling, sitting up, turning his head, standing up, walking, etc. I began commanding Terry's body to start doing these things and he started doing what the book said he should do.

By the time of the next visit to his neurologist, he was walking. The neurologist couldn't understand how that could be. He questioned how Terry could be walking when he didn't have a brain to tell his body what to do.

Terry kept progressing in intelligence and motor skills, although each trip to the neurologist showed no changes in Terry's brain. In 1979, the neurologist wanted to operate on him. After a second opinion from another neurologist, surgery was turned down. A few months later, another X Ray was taken of Terry's brain, and that's

when the miracle was manifested. The new X Ray showed a completely normal brain.

I left the doctor's office telling everyone that Jesus is the Healer who is still in the healing business.

Terry is now eight years old and in the third grade. He scores above average on the Stanford Achievement Test. He is an above average student. His hobby is reading and he visits the library at least twice a week to check out books.

I thank and praise God for the wonderful miracle he has given us. All glory goes to Him, for without His Son I would have a retarded son today.

VALUE OF SOLITUDE

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LAST ISSUE

To bring solitude into our lives, which is simply the state of being alone, is a most necessary but often difficult discipline. Even though we may have a deep desire for real solitude we can also experience a certain apprehension as we approach that solitary place and time. As soon as we are alone, without people to talk with, books to read, TV to watch or phone calls to make, an inner chaos opens up in us. This chaos can be disturbing and even confusing that we want to get busy again.

Entering into our secret closet and shutting the door does not mean that we immediately shut out all our inner doubts, anxieties, negative memories, unresolved conflicts and impulsive desires. On the contrary when we remove outer distractions we find that inner distractions manifest themselves to us in full force. There are times that the confrontation can be too painful to endure. That is why the discipline of solitude becomes all the more important.

Solitude is not a spontaneous response to an occupied and preoccupied life. There are two many reasons not to be alone. We must begin by carefully planning some solitude. Five or ten minutes is a good start. After a few weeks you can extend the time to an hour or two.

Our spiritual life will go lacking if we do not designate and allow solitude in our life. As we empty ourselves of our worries, we come to know not only with our mind but also with our heart that we never were really alone, that God's presence was with us all along.

In solitude we come to know clearly, the voice of the Lord. The discipline of solitude is a powerful tool in developing a fervent prayerful life. It is a simple, though not easy way to free us from our preoccupations. We can begin to hear the voice that makes all things new.

Although the discipline of solitude asks us to set aside time and space, what finally matters is that our hearts become like

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS by Charles Hawthorne

The title of this article has no reference to the television soap opera by the same name. Nor does it have reference to this untoward generation of youth, although the unsaved youth of this day may be characterized as young and restless. But, this article is referring to a corps of ordinary, but then again, not so ordinary, saved, Spirit-filled young adults.

They are restless. But, the restlessness they are experiencing is not that which is typically characterized by youth. This restlessness is not that fleshly sort with its accompanying impatience and impudence. No, this restlessness is a spiritual restlessness. It is a restlessness of the spirit. It is a divine restlessness, a restlessness caused by God Himself.

Are you one of the young and restless? If you are, you probably experience the following: You cannot be at rest with the status quo or the "same ole, same ole." You are weary of that which lacks of efficiency, effectiveness and overall excellence. You are tired of going around in circles; of there being no sense of purpose, goals, objectives or definite direction; of there being no measurable results or visible sign of progress. You are R-E-S-T-L-E-S-S!

If you can identify with this, then don't despair. You are not alone. There are others like you. As a matter of fact, there is a biblical character who found himself in the same predicament. His name is Elihu. Let's take a look at this restless young man and try to get some clues as to how the young and restless of today can cope with their own sense of inner restlessness.

Let's, first of all, deal with the context of Elihu's restlessness. The suffering of Job provides us with the context. You, no doubt, are familiar with the story of how Job suffered the loss of his oxen, donkeys, sheep, camels, servants and children (Job 1:13-19). He eventually suffered the loss of his physical health (Job 2:7).

Perhaps your restlessness is being experienced in a similar context of suffering. You could be restless in a situation where people are suffering. It could be hellbound sinners that are suffering. It could be heavenbound saints that are suffering. Maybe you attend a local church that's

quiet cells where God can dwell wherever we go and whatever we do. The more we train ourselves to spend time with God and Him alone, the more we will discover that God is with us at all times in all places. The word of God is awakened in our hearts that "We Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthens Us."

suffering. Maybe you are involved in a ministry, department, auxiliary or some other organization that's suffering.

No human person likes to see others suffer. You don't like to see worthwhile causes suffer. And you don't care to witness it, let alone experience it, no matter what shape or form it takes; be it physical, mental, spiritual, financial, social, numerical, etc. Yet it is in this context that restlessness is often felt.

How did Elihu handle his restlessness? He got angry. He got angry with Job because he went to justifying himself rather than letting God do it (Job 32:2; Rom. 8:33). He got angry with Job's friends because they didn't have any answers (Job 32:3, 5). Instead of comforting Job, they condemned him (Job 32:3).

Have you ever felt this way? Restlessness is sometimes expressed through anger. You may get angry because suffering sinners have the nerve to justify themselves or think that everything is alright when it's not alright. You may get angry with suffering saints because they get a spiritual superiority complex and go to talking about how saved and sanctified they are. You may get angry with a suffering church because it prides itself on the nonessentials while neglecting the essentials.

You may even get angry with the so-called members and friends of the church because they don't have any serious answers for suffering humanity. They don't even have answers for that which suffers in their own congregation. Yet, they too, condemn, knock, or put down people, programs, policies, procedures, etc.

It's enough to make you say or do something regrettable. But, the Bible prohibits it. "Be ye angry, but sin not" (Eph. 4:26). Herein is a key to handling your restlessness. Refrain from allowing your anger get the best of you. Elihu's wrath did not get out of control and cause him to speak or act in haste. As a matter of fact, Elihu waited. "Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he" (Job 32:4).

He waited out of fear: "And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old, wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show you mine opinion (Job 32:6). He waited out of respect for age: "I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom" (Job 32:7). He waited out of curiosity to hear what they had to say:

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DAYTON, OHIO KANIKA CROWNED

On April 5, 1986, little Miss Kanika Crowder of Tabernacle Church of God in Christ was crowned Queen of the Cincinnati/Dayton District during our District Sunday School/YPWW Convention.

Kanika is a 9 year old 4th grader in the Dayton School system. She is the daughter of Ms. Venna R. Crowder, and she will be representing our Cincinnati/Dayton District in our Ohio Northwest State Sunday School Convention to be held in Canton, Ohio in August.

Our District Sunday School Superintendent is Elder Bruce Curtis, and our Field Representative is Sis. Rose Jarrett. Our District Superintendent of Cincinnati/Dayton is Elder W. D. Mack, and our State Bishop is Bishop Robert L. Chapman.

Thank You,

Elder Joseph C. McQueen
Pastor, Tabernacle COGIC
Dayton, Ohio.

BELLPORT, NEW YORK REVIVAL

Pastor Elder C. J. Terry, of Shiloh Temple Church of God in Christ, led the church in fasting and prayer for the month of May, prefacing a revival. The revival took place June 1st through the 6th, 1986. It was conducted by Elder David Butler and his sister, Missionary Mildred Baker.

The healing power of God is the same as in olden days. During the meeting, one woman was miraculously healed of arthritis in her hands. Another arthritis victim walked to church with a cane. God healed her and she ran praising God, leaving the cane behind.

Souls were saved and added to the church. Strengthening the church, God blessed in prophesy, and through the Word. The young people were also touched and revived.

Submitted by Kimberly Williams, Secretary

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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA TESTIMONY

by
Bro. Henry James

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John 3:16

I thank God for Jesus and I have a testimony that I would like to share with the whole world, about how I believed and had faith that God would heal my body after 66 years of sickness.

I was born with asthma and I went all over the country to medical centers trying to get healed. A sister in the church told me if I did what God told me, he would heal me of the asthma.

The instructions were to get some olive oil and let the Pastor pray over it. I took three bottles of oil which had been prayed over. I took about two and two-thirds bottles and the Lord spoke to me and said "take all of the third bottle and you shall be healed."

The Lord guided me to the doctor to verify that God had done what he said he would do. Thanks be to God, he could find no signs or symptoms of asthma.

After three years I became ill, so ill that I could not pray. I was at Wednesday night prayer ser-

vice at the altar when this sickness attacked me. I knew God had healed me of asthma and I was sure that he could heal me again.

To find out what my sickness was this time, I went to a medical clinic to have X-rays. The doctor gave me a skin test and determined that I had TB. I was taken to another hospital and given about twenty X-rays in one day. I was placed in isolation.

The Saints of God prayed and I prayed that God would heal me again. One of the last tests I had, the doctor placed a tube into my bronchial tubes to try and find the specific area of the TB. As they searched my tubes, they told me that they could not see anything. I knew they could not see anything, but Jesus was in there and had come and done the work on my body.

The doctors were so surprised that they asked me what church did I attend. I told them Holiness. In reply he told me to pray for him.

Thank God for his divine healing power. If you want healing, believe and have faith and God will do a job for you.

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
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by
Sis. Pearlie P. Dixon

For many years I suffered with a thyroid condition of which I was healed in February, 1982. I was on medication for years. I had an operation for it, but afterwards I was still constantly going to the doctor for this same condition, of which it was to no avail. One day, I was told by the doctor that the medicine that I was taking was not doing any good. He explained to me that when you take medication for so long, your body becomes immune to it and it does you no good at all. I was also told by the doctor that I could be given a stronger medicine, but was thoroughly warned that it could cause cancer. He wrote out a prescription and gave it to me, but by faith I threw it in the trash can, and walked out of the doctor's office and began to believe God for my healing. (Praise God.)

It was brought to my remembrance concerning a sister that was testifying of how she was healed of the same condition (thyroid), while singing in the choir. Oh, how that increased my faith. That is why it is so important to tell your testimony to the glory of God. I began to ask God to give me the faith to be healed so that I could be a living witness because the word states in Isa. 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." I know, we as children of God, do not have to be sick, for it also says in the book of Psalms 34:19: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivers him out of them all.

At this time, I began to get real sick. I lost weight, I didn't sleep well at night, I was very nervous, I stayed very, very tired all the time, and had a shortness of breath. I was in and out of the hospital with this condition while carrying my three children, even though I had already had an operation for it, but through it all, God still blessed even though the devil made it seem like I wasn't going to be healed. But I continued to pray and seek God.

DELIVERANCE

One day I had a dream that the Lord had moved every sign of the thyroid condition out of my neck, (How I praised God for it). In another dream, I saw myself standing before a mirror combing a nice head of hair, for at this time the thyroid was still in my neck, and my hair had fallen out so that I had to wear a wig. I trusted the more in God. I am a witness that if you put your trust in Jesus, everything will be alright. One Sunday night while laying in bed, very sick and desiring to go to church, I had a vision-a vision that someone had come into my bedroom, and stood beside me as if they were standing with me, telling me that "I'm with you" and immediately a spirit of prayer came upon me. As I began to fully awaken, I realized what had happened. I got up and went into my daughter's room and asked her if she had come into my room. She said "no mama." For my husband works as night and he was at work. At that moment, it was revealed to me that it was an angel of God, and he had shown me that he was going to be right by my side. (I Bless His Wonderful Name!).

Even after all of this, it seemed as if my condition worsened. I knew it was the work of the devil because he makes things look bad just before God began to move. I went to the doctor. I could hardly get my breath. The doctor examined me and asked if I could be admitted into the hospital immediately. My husband was told by the doctor that I was about to have a cardiac arrest (heart attack), because the thyroid was putting strong pressure on my heart.

I was in the hospital for several weeks. To be exact, it was 25 days. After approximately a week there, I was told by the treating doctor that I was not responding to medicine. He didn't know what to do, except to let a Specialist see me. They began to monitor my heart. That evening the Saints of the "Most High God" came by. I was told by them that the Lord had put me on their hearts and they had already given a week's fasting and praying for me. James 5:16 states: The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. That same evening while the Saints were there, Oh,

another Specialist stepped in the room (Oh Praise God). The Specialist I'm talking about is Jesus Christ of Nazareth! He came in and worked a miracle and healed me completely. Whatever God does, it is well done! Things were happening so fast, I began to improve so wonderfully after being there for those 25 days; they let me go home. The doctor was elated, because he felt like he was the one who had done the work. But I know it was King Jesus. (I Praise His Holy Name.)

On my first visit back to the doctor's office, he took me off all medication, except one. The Holy Ghost later revealed to me that if I believed that I was healed, why was I taking the one? By faith, I disposed of it. Also after I came home from the hospital, one day I was sitting there desiring to clean my house. The Lord spoke to me and said that I had strength that I didn't know I had. Immediately I got up, got the broom and started sweeping the floor. I finished and wasn't tired and continued cleaning house, and have been every since. Before God worked the miracle, I couldn't sweep the floor without giving out of breath. Jesus is a Wonder in my Life!

It has been 3 years ago now. I am yet healed and on no medication at all. My hair has grown to a beautiful length, just like I saw it in the dream. I am a living witness of what God can and will do. For he can do anything but fail and nothing is too hard for God, no matter what it is. "If it seems hard for you, it is just right for God." But far greater than the healing, one day he saved my soul at the age of 20. For what he did for me, he will do the same for you. I will serve him the rest of my life. Psalms 105:1 states: Make known his deeds among the people. Pray for me that I will tell of his goodness wherever I go.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus!

DRAMA

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persons in the UNAC Meeting for speaking presentations; dramatic interpretations; improvisations; pantomimes; informal skits; and all other areas associated with Drama. Her handbook will be available in Memphis this year.

Sis. Sara Jordan Powell named the forthcoming troupe the ASU Players.

We congratulate you, Brenda, on your appointment.

MARY

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claim and spiritual heritage to the works and ministry of Dr. Mary Nell Hines. She is like a treasure of rubies, gold, and diamonds. Dr. Mary Hines is a prize fit for God's kingdom and she is our mother - our most sacred gem. "We Salute Mary".

Reporter,

Elder F. C. Perkins
Youth Pastor
Garden of Gethsemane Church of God in Christ.

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OBITUARY

"By faith, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after received for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in (tents). For he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

—Hebrews 11

DEACON RICHARD BROWN, SR. was born in McColl, South Carolina July 3, (1899). He departed this life to be with the Lord in Clairton, Pennsylvania after a protracted illness, March 20, 1986.

Our Beloved was the son of the late Jim and Ritta Savannah Brown. The family members born to this union were:

Philip, James, Flora (Miss) Samuel, Daisy, Richard, Jim.

Of the seven listed above, he was the last survivor. The family Bible records show that he was born July 3, 1899 in McColl, South Carolina.

In November 1922, he married the late Agganora Pipkin, and they were the happy parents of twelve children as follows:

James Willie, Richard, Jr., Frances, Hattie Mae, Flora, Charles Curtis, Robert Louis, Carl, Eugene, Mabel, Warren Knight, and Melvin.

Three children died in infancy, namely: Hattie Mae, Flora, and Eugene. They raised nine children along with Sister Agganora's sister, Pearl (aged 6) from childhood to adulthood - ten children.

As a young man in North Carolina, Deacon Brown was employed as a chauffeur for many years. In 1923, the family (which was just beginning) relocated to Pennsylvania for the work opportunities in the Carnegie Illinois Steel Works. Deacon Brown worked for over 40 years and was retired in March of 1963, the same year and month sister Agganora Brown passed away.

He always said he had a great responsibility to provide food,

clothing, and shelter for his large family, by the help of God. He usually planted a garden, raised chickens, and worked endless hours for the benefit of his family.

Church of God in Christ was in Lincoln Way and he became a member shortly after it began in 1926. The Minister in charge was Elder Little, who gave the charge to Elder Frederick L. McGowan. Later, Deacon Brown was chosen and appointed as one of the seven Deacons. They were:

Brother Boss Johnson, Brother Eddie Lloyd, Brother Roy Finkley, Brother Jim McKelly, Brother Richard Brown, Brother Eddie Adams.

Deacon Brown faithfully served with the following pastors:

Elder F. L. McGowan, Elder W. W. Robinson, Elder H. W. Brown, Bishop I. C. Clemmons, Elder A. McLean.

In the Brown's home Deacon Brown and Sister Agganora kept a prayer vigil constantly, around the table daily, in the morning, evening, and at night. Material things were somewhat scarce, but much love was practiced, and God blessed.

Deacon Brown was appointed Sunday School Superintendent after Brother Grandy had served five or six years. His task lasted 35 or 40 years.

The nine children and sister-in-law, Pearl, were reared in the early days of Sunday school, which was a tremendous inspiration and influence down in Lincoln Way for the members' children, as well as the whole community.

Deacon Brown served as chairman of the Deacon Board 40 or 45 years until his health began to fail during the pastorate of Elder Alexander McLean. He was a kind, outstanding, thoughtful, wise, loving, God-fearing, saint of God, who is loved by the community, senior citizens, male and female, young folk, and even children.

Deacon Brown had been married three times. His first two wives

preceded him in death; Sister Agganora Brown in 1963; and Sister Ellen Brown in 1971. His oldest son - Elder James Brown died in 1974.

Our loss and our sorrow cannot be stated in words. For we loved him, and we knew he loved us. But we know that he is now in God's eternal city. In this world good things happen to the just and the unjust. God sends His blessings upon both. But in that world, none but the righteous can see God, and none but the pure in heart can enter there. We yearn to be together again - all of us - in God's eternal city.

He leaves to rejoice in his memory: A loving and devoted wife - Sister Bertha, eight children - two daughters: Mrs. Frances Booker and Mrs. Mabel Bryant. Six sons: Richard, Jr., Charles Curtis, Robert Louis, Carl, Warren Knight, and Melvin.

Seven daughters-in-law; Fannie, Leola, Charlotte, Martha, Yamin, Esther and Edna Mae.

Two sons-in-law: Joseph Booker, and Ed Bryant.

Thirty-three grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren.

Nieces, nephews, the Household of faith.



ELDER J. F. MCINTOSH

With sincere expressions of Love and Affection, we salute this Holy Man of GOD, affectionately called "Daddy Frank" and Elder Mc by family and friends.

ELDER J. FRANK MCINTOSH SR., was born June 7, 1900, at Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas, being the son of the late Frank and Clara McIntosh.

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He left the Bahamas at the age of 21, and came to West Palm Beach, Florida, where he made his home. He met and married the former Marietta Jones on December 1, 1923 and lived a beautiful married life for 62 years, 4 months and 21 days. GOD blessed this marriage union with three lovely children: Mable, Dorothy and his son, Frank Jr., who preceded him in death.

Elder McIntosh was called home to be with the Lord after a life fulfilled on Tuesday morning, April 22, 1986 at the family home at 821-19th Street, West Palm Bch., Florida.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving, caring and devoted wife, Mother Marietta J. McIntosh, West Palm Beach; two loving daughters, Missionary Mable M. Hall of Riv. Beach, and Sister Dorothy L. James of West Palm Beach; eight grandchildren - Alfred J. Maynor of Hillside, New Jersey, Earnest James, Choicie L. Williams, Elder Marvin L. James, Gayle Y. James, Charlie James, Elaine M. Lewis and James F. McIntosh; eighteen great grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister and brother, Emily Cooper and Alphonso McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas; two sons-in-law, Supt. Elder J. N. Hall of Riv. Beach and Choice James of West Palm Beach; one daughter-in-law, Missionary Annie B. McIntosh of West Palm Beach; two sisters-in-law, Missionary Beulah H. Watson and Sis. Burna De Jones of Riv. Beach; one brother-in-law, Willie B. Jones of Riv. Beach. and a host of neices, nephews, cousins, other relatives, McIntosh Temple Church Family and many wonderful friends.

A Precious one from us is gone,
A voice we low is still
A vacant place is in our hearts,

Which never can be filled.

We do not know the next to fall,
Beneath the Christian rod;
One must be first, but let us all
Prepare to meet our God.

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We, the members of Brown's Temple Church of God in Christ, moans the lost of Mother Lois Sutton Harvey. Who served as a loyal and faithful member. Oh! How we miss her. The love she left will always remain and be part of us all and will never be forgotten.

Elder H. Brown
(Pastor)
Sis. R. Simpson
(Reporter)

VICTORY

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should be ready to make an investment in the future of our youth and the church." The general offering that night was \$10,755.00 and additional money reported by visiting bishops of other areas came to \$39,914.43. Area 20 raised \$284,228.00. Outstanding contributions were made by Pentecostal Temple \$30,000.00, Homeland Church, pastor, Bishop F. D. Macklin, \$10,000.00 and Greater Community Church, pastor Bishop W. L. Porter, \$15,019.11.

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